

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 2, 4, 6-13, 19, 24, 25, and 29-33 are currently pending in the application.

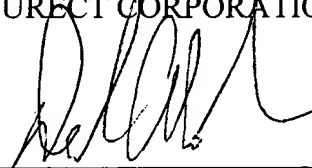
Claims 1, 3, 5, 14-18, 20-23, 26-28 have been canceled without prejudice.

All of the pending claims have been amended to depend from allowed claim 25. Applicants therefore request prompt reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention.

CONCLUSION

The fees for a two-month extension of time have been included with this communication, and no further fees are deemed necessary. However, if the Commissioner determines that additional fees are indeed necessary, or that no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, or refund any inappropriate fees to Deposit Account No. **50-1953**.

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